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With Image-Based Distance Accommodation

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

TO: THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Please amend the above application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application claims priority from Japanese application No. 2000-158683, filed  
May 29, 2000.--

In the drawings:

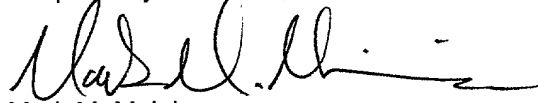
Please substitute the attached 11 sheets of drawings for the original drawings.

Remarks

The amendment to the specification clarifies that priority is claimed from Japanese application No. 2000-158683. This corrects an incorrect notation in the declaration. The replacement drawings are clearer copies of the original drawings. Applicant requests consideration of the application.

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